Government have also, in this connection, circulated detailed guidelines to the various State Governments for prevention as well as control of communal violence, and promotion of communal harmony.

It is also, in this context, that the 15-Point Programme of the former Prime Minister, Smt. Indira Gandhi, was commended to the State Governments. The National Integration Council delebrated on various issues in its meeting held on 12th September, 1986.

Quota for recruitment in Central Police Forces

400. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to allot quota in the recruitment of Central Police Forces based on community;

(b) whether the States have also been advised to follow this method in the matter of recruitment of police; and

(c) what are the details of the decision taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Recruitment in Central Police Forces is made not on the basis of community but according to the constitutional guarantee of equality of opportunity to all citizens. Reservation of vacancies is, however, made in favour of candidates belonging to scheduled castes and scheduled Tribes, according to general instructions of Government issued from time to time.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Sending of Police Officials to Scotland Yard for advanced training in prevention and detection of crimes

401. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some senior police officials from various States are being sent to Scotland Yard to get advanced training in detection and prevention of crimes as well as other methods of dealing with the situation arising out of increasing crimes;

(b) if so, the number of such officials being sent for such training and its State-wise break-up;

(c) what are the norms for selecting the Officials for such training; and

(d) whether it is a fact that no one from Gujarat has been selected for such training at Scotland Yard, if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Framing of rules for commutation of sentence

402. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any rules under Section 433 of the Criminal Procedure Code, 1971 for commutation of sentence of punishment awarded by the courts;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; if not, whether it is proposed to frame rules or guidelines under which the powers under Section 433 are to be exercised;

(c) how many applications under this section were received during 1984, 1985, 1986 and out of them in how many cases the commutation was done; and

(d) whether it is proposed to grant amnesty in cases where the offence is of technical nature only and where the concerned person has tendered unconditional apology like I.T. and F.E.R.A. offenders amnesty scheme?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) There is no such proposal.

(c) Petitions under Section 433 Cr. P.C. for commutation of sentences are forwarded to the concerned State Government for disposal, unless any such petition is for the commutation of sentence for an offence under a Central Act or for the commutation of sentence awarded by a Court in a Union Territory. No separate record is maintained of the petitions forwarded to the State Governments. During 1984-85, two petitions were received for commutation of sentence for offences under Central Acts and one petition was received for commutation of sentence from a prisoner in a Union Territory. In one case the sentence of the prisoner was commuted.

(d) There is no such proposal.

Raids by Central Bureau off Investigation

403. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Bureau of Investigation conducted raids in 24 cases all over the country; on 21.10.86;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what further action are being taken against the persons involved?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) Yes, Sir. CBI has conducted raids in various cities on 21.10.86 in pursuance of 27 cases registered against officials of the Government and Public Sector Undertakings.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Working hours in Central Government Offices

404. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to increase the working hours of Central Government employees; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government have decided to increase the working hours of the office staff in Government of India from 37½ hours per week to 40 hours per week by increasing daily working hours by 30 minutes. This decision will be implemented shortly.

Smuggling on Indo-Tibet border

405. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item cap-